gesition that I would like to put to the honourable Minister.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Don't give any suggestions, but put your question.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: It is a suggestion with a question. The question is whether he is considering making this programme at other times which are not now being telecast, that is, to extend the time of the telecast and make these programmes available because the infrastructure already exists in all the four metropolitan cities and it would not involve any heavy cost.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gupta wants to know whether you are willing to extend the time of the regional programmes.

SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR: Sir, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri H. K. L. Bhagat, has already informed the House several times that we are extending, we arc enhancing, the telecast time, in both the first and the second channels in the States. We have already enhanced the morning transmission and we have introduced a new slot in the after-noon. We have a time-schedule for extension of telecast time depending on the programme facilities and the personnel available.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the next Question. Question No. 147.

*147. *[The questioners (Shri Kailash Pati Mishra and Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee) were absent. For answer vide col..32 infra.]*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 148. Yes, Mr. Sukul.

Progress in distribution of land to the landless

* 148. SHRI P. N. SUKUL; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been no substantial progress during the last few years in implementing the schemes of providing land to the landless;

(b) if so, whether the problem has been reviewed and any new steps are proposed to be taken during the next Five Year Plan in the matter; and

(c) the details of the land distributed to the landless so far under the current plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Land is allotted to the landless poor under different programmes such as ceiling laws, Bhoodan land distribution and assignment of government/gaon sabha lands. But under the 20-Point Programme annual targets are fixed only for distribution of ceiling surplus land and its progress periodically monitored. Annexure to the statement would show the target and achievement for distribution of ceiling surplus land for each year from 1982-83 to 1988-89 (till January, 1989). The allotment in respect of Bhoodan and Government lands is also indicated therein.

The distribution of surplus land besides being reviewed at various levels in the Government is a subject discussed in detail alongwith other aspects of land reforms implementation during the conferences of Revenue Ministers. The consensus arrived at in conferences of Revenue Ministers held in May, 1985, November, 1986 and December, 1988 contains many recommendations for improving the implementation of land ceiling laws' and also accelerating the distribution of ceiling surplus land to the

rural poor which include, among other, steps, setting up Tribunal under Article 323-B of the Constitution and strengthening administrative and judicial machinery for expeditious disposal of cases, plugging loopholes and deficiencies in ceiling laws to counter evasion, reconsideration of ceiling limits, ensuring protection to allottees against harassment and eviction etc. Land being a State subject under the Constitution, States are competent to take necessary action in the matter.

Annexure

I. Progress of distribution of ceiling surplus land from 1982-83 to 1988-89.

Year	Target (in acres)	Achievement (in acres)
1982-83	5,30,700	2,40,270
1983-84	2,84,182	1,90,976
1984-85	1,98,770	1,58,230
1985-86	1,25,180	1,09,245
1986-87	82,278	90,517
1987-88	2,70,670	82,198
1988-89 (till January, 1989)	2,26,479	79,397

II. Since inception 45.13 lakh acres of ceiling surplus land have been distributed to 41.72 lakh beneficiaries.

III. 22.99 lakh acres of Bhoodan land have been distributed so far as reported by States.

IV. 103.08 lakh acres of Government waste lands have been reported to have been distributed based on reports received from various States.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Sir, there is no pointed reply either to part (a) or part (b) of the question. But from the index it is clear that during the last few years, excepting the year 1986-87, the achievements were short of the targets. The deficiency m the implementation of the ceiling laws has also been mentioned. I would like to know from the honourable Minister what, these deficiences are and what the hurdles arc in the implementation *of* these laws and by when these laws would be suitably modified.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Failure of Slum Development Schemes in Delhi

'143. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of 27th September, 1988 regarding the' failure to achieve the target in slum improvement in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to identify the reasons for the failure and also the persons responsible therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Performance during 1987-88 was as under:-

Financial Outlay	Rs. 850 lakhs
Expenditure	Rs. 733 lakhs
Physical target (No of beneficiaries)	2.83 lacss
Achievement (No. of beneficiaries)	2.45 lacs